

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ROCKINGHAM

OCTOBER 23, 2022

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Remembering we would do well to “fulfill the royal law according to scripture, ‘you shall love your neighbor as yourself’ (James 2:8), the Church Council recommends that all church members wear a mask, practice social distancing, and use hand sanitizers when in the church facilities for any purpose.*

GATHERING

*I Sing Praises to Your Name*

TFWS, 2037

*I sing praises to your name, O Lord, praises to your name, O Lord,  
for your name is great and greatly to be praised;  
I give glory to your name, O Lord, glory to your name, O Lord,  
for your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

GREETING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

UM Hymnal 152

\*AFFIRMATION

*The Apostle’s Creed*

UM Hymnal 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 84

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

2 My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

3 Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

4 Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah

5 Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

6 As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

7 They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

9 Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in  
the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

UM Hymnal, 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Nicole Goodwin

### OFFERTORY

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Larson

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UM Hymnal 95

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

### PRAYER OF OFFERING

Lesson – Luke 18:9-14

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'

13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

### ANTHEM

*Be Still and Know*

Johnson

### SERMON

*Right with God*

### \*HYMN

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

UMH 133

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHIMING

### \*POSTLUDE

***As one of her final wishes Barbara McLain requested flowers on the altar with Glory to God and in honor and memory of all the friends she and Don made in their years here at FUMC.***

***The flowers on the organ are given to the Glory to God and in loving memory of Doris Baxley.***

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**For first responders, emergency medical technicians, health professionals – therapists, nurses, doctors – of every specialty who face this Coronavirus Pandemic.**

**This week:** The Family of Barbara McLain

**For our church members:** Bebe Blackmon, Norman Bland, Rita Bland, Claudette Brownley, Jean Cain, Gaby Campbell, Misty Campbell, Jan Clay, Pam Dillman, Bob Ellwanger, Jerry Eteo, Audrey Ewing, Barbara Goodman, Susie Graves, Genevra Kelly, Randy Leak, Lucille Martin, Linda McCullough, Jimmy McLean, Gaynelle Moon, Bill Rohleder, Ron and Hannah Shaw, Frances Shepard, Sarah Shepherd, Jerry Thomas,

**For our extended family:** Jane Atha (Mary Griffith's mother), Hilda Auman (Don Auman's mother), Nancy Baucom, Ken Bostick, Parker Byrd, Barbara Cato, Paul Crump, Rick Ervin, Robert Flynn, Rebecca Gagnon, Jeff Ganns (Glenda Thomas' son-in-law), Arland Griffith (Lee Griffith's father), Terry Hamilton (Terry Shaw's uncle), Galvin Hill, Michael Hobbs, Patricia Huffman, (Martha Butler's mother), Lisa Johnson (T.J. Shaw's friend), J.B. Jones, Terri LaRue (Gwen Webb's sister), Dathia Lee (Daphne Smith's mother), Gabriel Martin (Lucille Martin's granddaughter), Priscilla McCormick, Tommy McDonald, Sam Moser, Rick O'Brien, Ruth Ann Ritter, Stuart Shepherd (Diane Goodwin's grandson), William Sidebottom, Clyde Smith, Angi Stanford, Tommy Williams (Virginia Auman's brother), Regina Witherspoon

**For Those Who are Mourning:** The families of Kathy Brand and Nathan Davis.

**For our Home-Bound and Assisted Living Members:** Marie Davis, Faye Herring, Caroline Johnson, Bill and Ann Poe, Dorsey Short, Madeline Till.

**For Those Who Serve Our Nation**

**Other Prayer Needs:** For those who serve our nation and especially those in harm's way.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TRUNK OR TREAT with FUMC and FPC-EVERYONE is invited to "Trunk or Treat" on Sunday, October 30, at 4:00pm at First Presbyterian Church (904 Fayetteville Road, Rockingham). You can participate in decorating your trunk or bring a lawn chair and enjoy watching our children in their costumes! Everyone will receive a treat! If you plan to decorate your trunk, please find a space in the back parking lot behind their Fellowship Hall at 3:15. We still need trunks! If you have any questions, please see Nicole Goodwin. Come join us for some Halloween fun and fellowship for all on October 30.

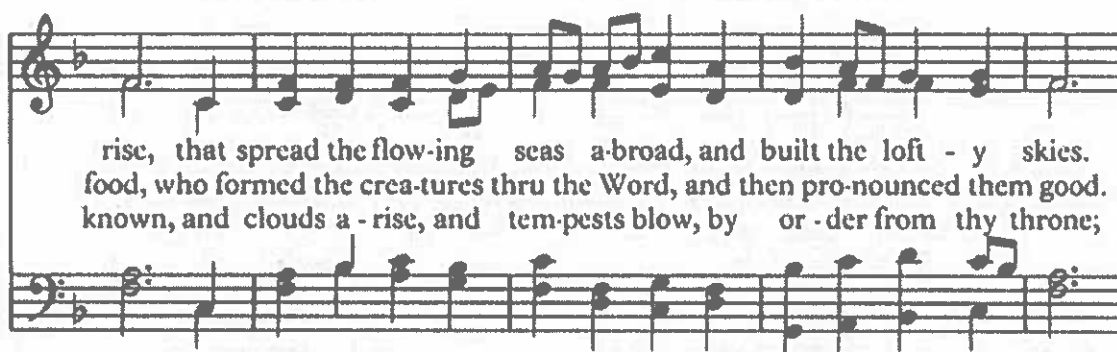
Many thanks from Our Daily Bread for all the food donated so far. We appreciate your help and continue to need it. Please bring your canned vegetables to the church and leave on the cart in the hallway across from the Chapel or drop off at our Daily Bread. For further information please call Kathy Yates at 336-906-7678.



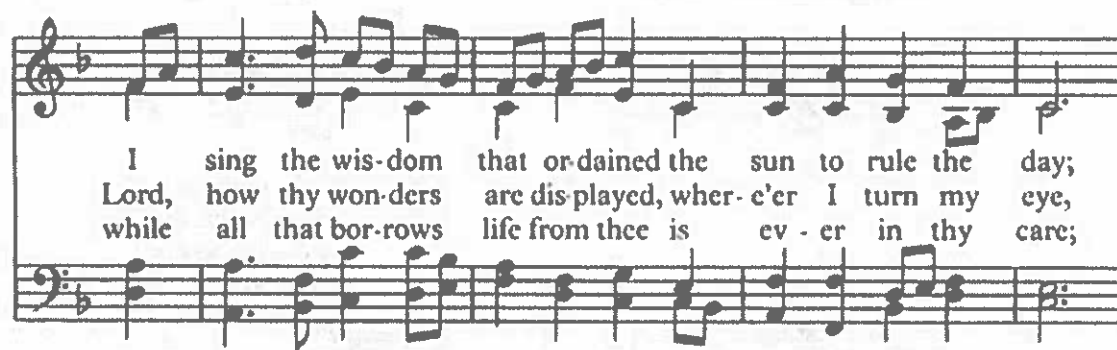
## 152 I Sing the Almighty Power of God



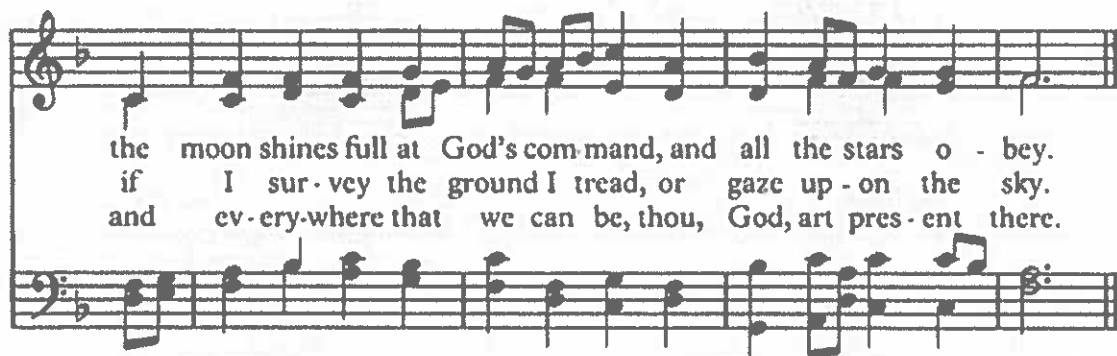
1. I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains  
 2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord, who filled the earth with  
 3. There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries



rise, that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, and built the loft - y skies.  
 food, who formed the crea-tures thru the Word, and then pro-nounced them good.  
 known, and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day;  
 Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,  
 while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care;



the moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky.  
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres - ent there.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1715

MUSIC: Trad. English melody; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

FOREST GREEN  
CMDCREATION, *see further:*

# Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 133

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev - er -  
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er -  
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

*Refrain*

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,  
 Lean-ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing,  
 lean-ing on Je - sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean - ing on  
 lean-ing on

ing, lean - ing,  
 Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.